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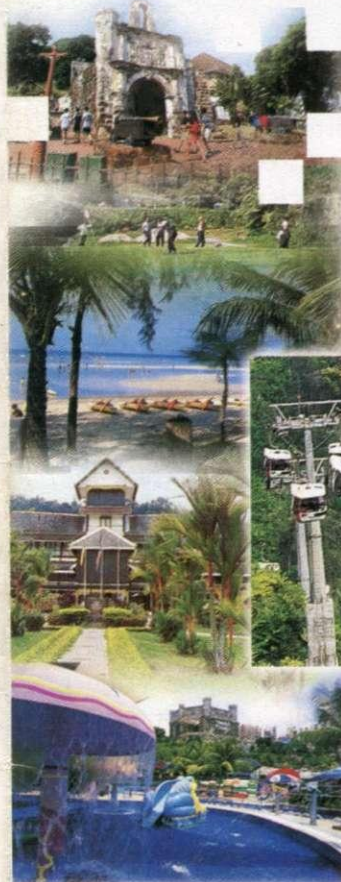
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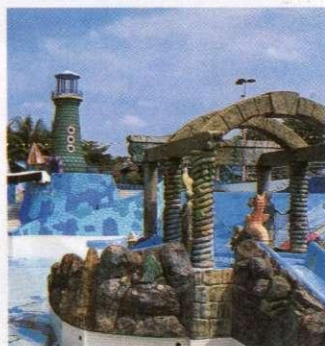
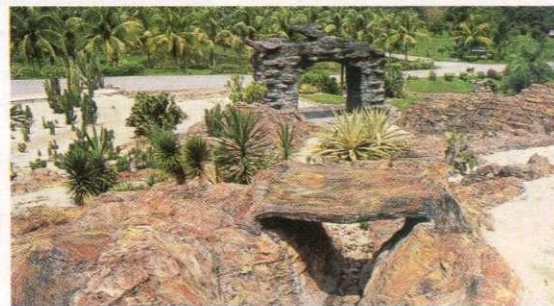


## SELANGOR

**Shah Alam** • Located about 25km southwest of Kuala Lumpur is this model township, with beautifully landscaped roads and parks as well as modern buildings. Its most famous landmark is the majestic Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Mosque referred to as the 'Blue Mosque'. Decorative Islamic calligraphy in white enhances the blue dome, one of the largest in the world. Its minarets, at 142.3 metres are the tallest in the world.



Just beyond the outer periphery of Shah Alam is the **Malaysia Agriculture Park** Malaysia's first agricultural park. The 1,258 hectare park offers visitors a glimpse of Malaysia's agricultural resources such as oil palm, padi fields, rubber, cocoa, coffee, coconut and fruit trees. Other attractions in the park include a spice and beverage garden, ornamental garden, mushroom garden, orchid garden, cactus garden, bamboo garden, fishing lake, a four seasons house, a suspension bridge, a bird and a



Gracing the town centre is **Shah Alam Lake Gardens**, a pleasant combination of several inter-connected man-made lakes and landscaped gardens with picnic areas. A floating seafood restaurant stands on the fringe of the lake. In the vicinity is the **Wet-World** water theme park. The park offers recreational rides like the Monsoon Buster - an uphill watercoaster that rises and dips for 222 metres. Tel: 03-5532020 Open: 12pm-8pm, daily except Wednesday. Weekend: 10am - 8pm • Admission: RM7 (Adult) RM4 (Child)

deer park. Bicycles are available for hire at the park while buses ferry visitors between various spots within the sprawling grounds on weekends. There are also facilities for camping out, or chalets for overnight visitors. One can get to the park by bus or taxi from KL.







Located in Bandar Sunway, is **Sunway Lagoon**, a theme park with stomach-churning thrills. Within the park are water-based attractions like giant waterslides, twin speed slides, double twister, wave pool, toboggan, slow river, waterfall garden, and wave pool.

Western frontier fun comes alive at Fort Lagoon - Wild, Wild West where you can take 'white knuckle' rides on a Grand Canyon River Rapids, the Buffalo Bill Coaster and the Colorado Splash.



The park also offers dry adventure activities. Ride in Apache Pots, test your nerves on the Flying Carpet or ride the skies on a Galleon. Other attractions include runaway train, pedestrian suspension bridge and sky flyer. Tel: 03-735 6000  
 Open: 12 noon - 7.30pm Monday - Friday. Closed Tuesday. 10am - 7.30pm on Saturday, Sunday, Public and School Holidays • Admission: RM50 (Adult) all parks, RM18 waterpark, RM32 dry park



Mines Wonderland is a family-oriented theme park, located along Jalan Sungai Besi, south of Kuala Lumpur, on the fringes of a huge lake, once the site of the world's largest open cast mining. Its main attraction is the dazzling musical fountain and multi-coloured laser show held at 7.30pm. Visit the Snow House to experience winter and enjoy the many rides and amusement facilities at the park.

Adjoining the Mines Wonderland is the Mines Shopping Fair. A novel way to travel from the Mines Wonderland to this Venetian-inspired shopping



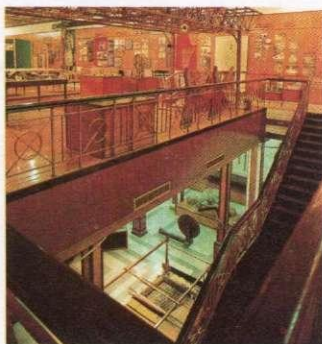
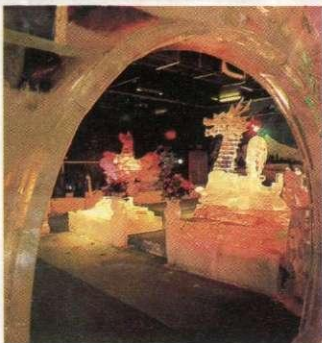


complex is to take a water taxi to enjoy the scenic views of the lake. On the third floor is Snow Town, an indoor theme park with a range of snow-based attractions such as an Ice-Skating Rink, a Fun Pub and a 28-Lane Bowling Centre.

Getting there: Take the *KTM Komuter* from KL Railway Station and alight at the Serdang Station. The Mines is within walking distance. Tel: 03-9425010

Open: 5pm - 10pm Weekdays & 4pm - 11pm on Public Holidays and Weekends  
• Admission: RM12 (Adult) RM8 (Child)

The Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) is a well-managed forest science park. Located in Kepong, 16km northwest of Kuala Lumpur covering 600 hectares of experimental plants, arboretum and reforested areas, FRIM is the nearest nature destination for KL visitors who



wish to see and experience the wonders of a tropical forest without the rigors of travelling to the national parks. There are jungle trails, canopy walkway, waterfalls, a herbarium, a library and a museum housing different species of wood, their uses and products. A nominal fee is charged for the canopy walk. Open: 8am - 4.15pm, daily. Saturday: 8am - 12.45pm. Closed: Sundays and Public Holidays • Admission: RM3 per car • Tel: 03-6342633 Fax: 03-6367753

**Kuala Selangor**, a coastal town located about 64km northwest of Kuala Lumpur, is the ideal destination for those seeking a blend of history, local flavour, nature and wildlife. The drive itself is interesting as it passes through coconut, cocoa, rubber, oil palm and banana plantations, and rustic villages.

Once a thriving port, Kuala Selangor was the first state capital of Selangor as it used to be the seat of the government.

Overlooking the town is Bukit Melawati, the highest



point in the area which is the site of the 200-year-old Fort Altingsburg built by the Dutch, a lighthouse and the official residence of the District Officer. Panoramic views of the Straits of Melaka and surroundings can be enjoyed. It was from this vantage spot that the Dutch surveyed the surrounding countryside before capturing it in 1794. In the vicinity is a royal mausoleum where three past sultans of Selangor are buried.

A short distance away is **Taman Alam**, a nature reserve covering 240 hectares. It has well-marked jungle trails for



trekking. Birdwatching is a popular activity here as the mangrove swamps along the coast are frequented by migratory birds. Some 130 species have been identified by the Malaysian Nature Society, amongst them the rare spoon-billed Sandpiper and Nordmann's Greenshank.

Chalet accommodation is available for those who wish to extend their stay.

At **Kampung Kuantan**, a few kilometres outside Kuala Selangor is a spectacle of nature - a fireflies display which takes place at dusk. Travel upstream in a small boat or *sampan* or take a motorised boat at Bukit Belimbing and in the quiet darkness, you will see thousands of fireflies flickering like Christmas lights on mangrove trees lining the banks of the Selangor river. It is recommended to take a tour for this destination.







**Templer's Park** • Rich in natural wilderness beauty is Templer's Park, located 21km north of Kuala Lumpur. A verdant forest reserve forming a 1,214 hectares 'green lung' for the cityfolk, Templer's Park attracts nature lovers, photographers, and picnickers.

Waterfalls and mountain streams feed the thriving vegetation here. Soft mosses cover the forest floor and huge ferns grow as epiphytes, while matured trees form soaring canopies. Within this green haven, various forms of wildlife such as monkeys, birds and numerous species of insects can be found.

For most visitors, the main attraction here is the gushing waters of the waterfall. Sheltered picnic spots and changing areas are provided and walkways have been built where necessary to ensure safety. There are restaurants, food stalls and ample parking space. For overnight stay, there are chalets and camping facilities for visitors.

Bring along a change of clothes, swimwear, insect repellent and a pair of binoculars if you are into bird watching. Wear suitable shoes as the rocks around the waterfall can be slippery.



**PAHANG**

Genting Highlands Resort nestles 2000 metres above sea level and is located 51km northeast of Kuala Lumpur along the western border of Pahang state. The one-stop destination of fantasy, excitement and adventure, set amid cool misty mountains lures visitors by the droves for its non-stop entertainment.



The Genting Theme Park abounds with indoor and outdoor amusement activities such as roller coaster rides, 3-D experiences, virtual games and amusement arcade games, and attractions including spectacular international theatre shows, casino, cinemas and numerous restaurants.







Pulau Ketam (Crab Island) • About 10km west of Port Klang lies Pulau Ketam, a fishing island which has a character and appeal of its own. Inhabitants of the island are either fishermen or involved with the fishing industry. Here you can see activities such as the processing of shrimp paste relished by the locals, or witness jelly fish and crabs being harvested from the open sea farms.



The island attracts marshland birds lured by abundant fish and mangrove swamp creatures. Fiddler crabs, mud crabs and the rather strange mudskipper which swims in water, lives on land and climbs trees are all found here. If you linger on the island until 4pm you will see fishermen return from sea and unload the day's catch. Enjoy a fresh seafood meal at one of the restaurants.

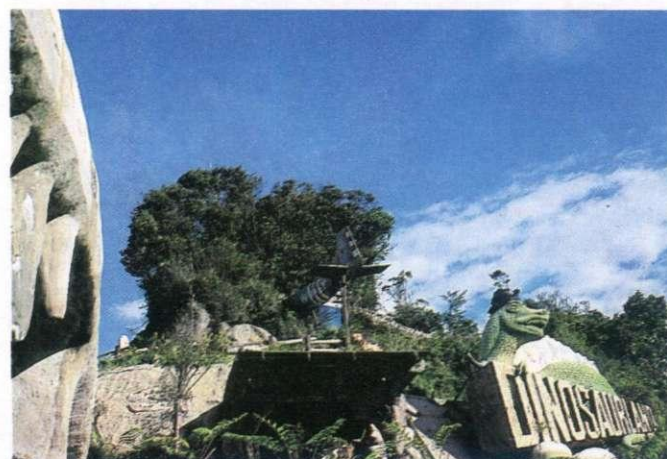
The best way to get to the island, is to take the *Komuter* train early in the morning from Kuala Lumpur Railway Station to Port Klang. Upon arrival in Port Klang, walk across to the nearby jetty and continue the trip by boat to the island.

Homestay programme are available should you wish to spend a night with a fisherman's family.

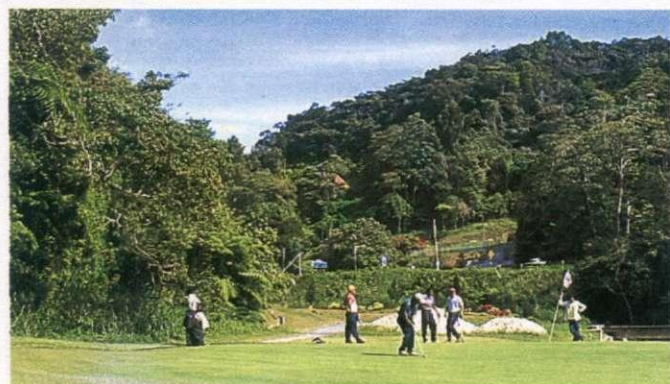


Other facilities include the Awana Equestrian Ranch a 32-lane bowling alley, and an 18-hole golf course.

Genting Highlands Resort offers a range of hotels and apartments catering to varying budgets. Genting Highland is also served by taxis and limousine service. Shuttle bus services are also available to and from the KL International Airport (KLIA).  
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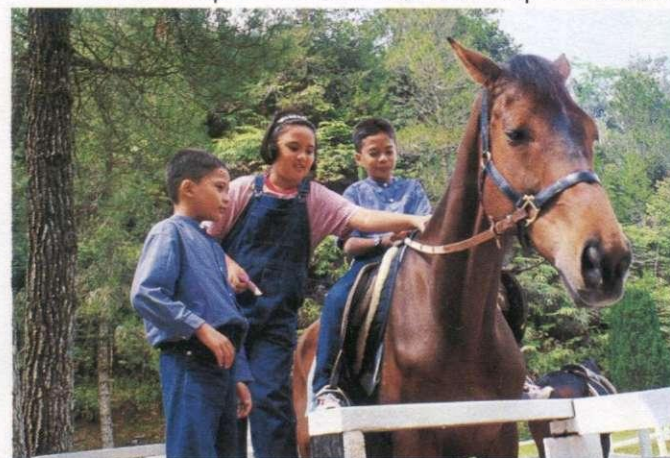




**Fraser's Hill** • Perched 1,524 metres above sea-level in the state of Pahang is Fraser's Hill, a quiet hill resort reminiscent of an English countryside with its Tudor-style bungalows, pine trees and rolling hills.

Fraser's Hill is located 104km northeast of Kuala Lumpur. The journey by car takes about 2 hours. After Kuala Kubu Baru the route to the resort winds through rugged and scenic mountainous terrain, passing clear bubbling mountain streams. As one climbs higher, the vegetation and climate changes dramatically.

The drive up to the resort from the Gap at the base

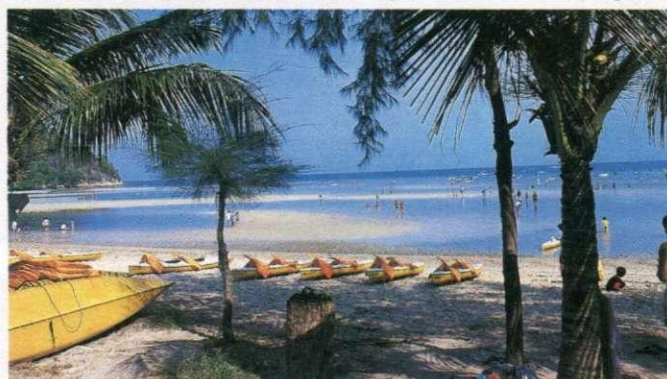


of Fraser's Hill is particularly interesting. This 8km stretch of the journey permits only one way traffic movements from 7am to 7pm. There is a gate control system with scheduled times for ascending and descending traffic at

## NEGERI SEMBILAN

Situated approximately 60km south of Kuala Lumpur, Port Dickson's easy accessibility has made it the favourite weekend retreat of KL residents. Frequent buses, coaches, commuter trains and taxis ply between Port Dickson and Kuala Lumpur.

Port Dickson covers some 18km of almost unbroken coastline - one of the longest in Malaysia. A distinctive feature of Port Dickson is the main coastal road which runs parallel to the coastline allowing visitors to catch spectacular views of the coastline and the sea. Port Dickson provides a range of accommodation facilities to suit varying budgets. Some popular stretches of beach include Teluk Kemang and the Blue Lagoon. The Blue Lagoon



stretch is so named because of its distinctive little coves with sandy beaches and clear blue waters.

Taman Aman, a public park situated at the 4th mile coastal road provides excellent amenities for family outings. The park offers budget accommodation, a camping ground, picnic grounds and barbeque pits, changing facilities and watersports facilities.







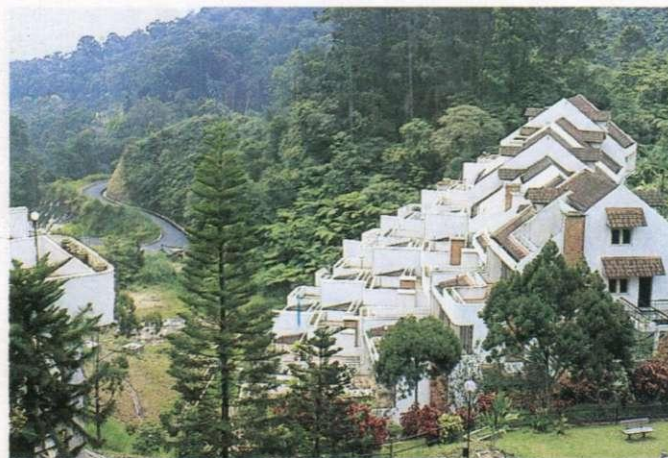
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Golfers will delight in the golf-course spread out within a sheltered valley amid scenic surroundings. Nature lovers should explore one of the many graded jungle trails



where sounds of birds and sometimes gibbons can be heard. For others, visits to mushroom farms and flower nurseries will invariably end with good purchases to take back home. The Jeriau Waterfalls is also a favourite picnic spot.

The resort offers a horse ranch, children's playground, tennis courts and a sports complex with a heated swimming pool. Bicycles can also be hired.



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**Sri Menanti •** Sri Menanti, the royal town of Negeri Sembilan, lies 32km east of Seremban, the state capital.

Sri Menanti nestles amid the foothills of a mountain range in peaceful surroundings. A famous attraction here is the Sri Menanti Palace, an architectural wonder built in 1905 without the use of a single nail. A short drive away is the Ulu Bendol Nature Reserve, a popular picnic spot. For golfers, the Royal Sri Menanti Golf Club, an 18-hole golf course with tight fairways and hilly terrain, should be a delightful sight.

Culture lovers should find a visit to the Cultural Handicraft Centre at Kuala Pilah interesting while anglers could take a trip to Talang Dam to do a spot of fishing.

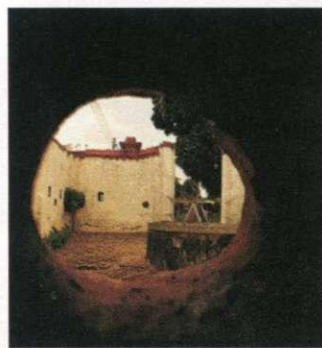
Accommodation is available at the 2-star Sri Menanti Resort, situated next to the Sri Menanti Palace. An excellent transportation system links KL to Seremban from where Sri Menanti is accessible by taxi or bus.





**MELAKA** Melaka blends a rich historical past and a vibrant present. Many of its centuries-old buildings, some of them still in use, can be traced back to its early inhabitants. The state's history began in 1403 when Parameswara, an exiled Hindu prince from Sumatra, sought refuge in a little fishing village on the coast of the Malay peninsula, which he subsequently named Melaka, after the tree he sat under when he first arrived. Administered by the Portuguese in 1511, the Dutch in 1641, and the British in 1824, Melaka has emerged as a unique melting pot of races, providing a wonderful insight into cultural diversity of its people. Easily accessible, the intriguing historical city is just 2 1/2 hours drive southwest of Kuala Lumpur.

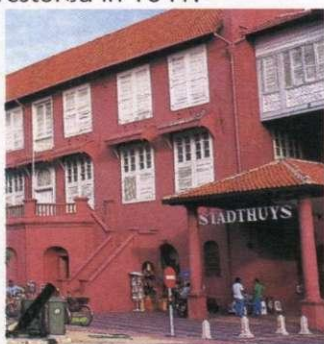
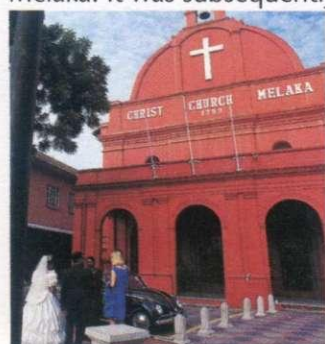
*Places of interest in Melaka*



**Hang Tuah's Well** • Local folklore has it that the spirit of Hang Tuah, a great Malay warrior during the era of the Melaka Sultanate resides at this well at Kampung Duyong, 14km from the town.



**A Famosa** • Built by the Portuguese in 1511 as a fortress, the building was damaged during the Dutch attack on Melaka. It was subsequently restored in 1641.

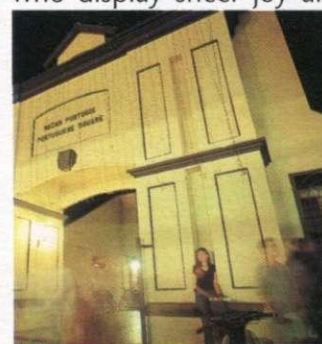


**Stadthuys** • Believed to be the oldest Dutch building in the East (circa 1641 and 1660) the salmon-coloured building reflects the distinct architectural-style of the Dutch and now houses the Melaka Museum.

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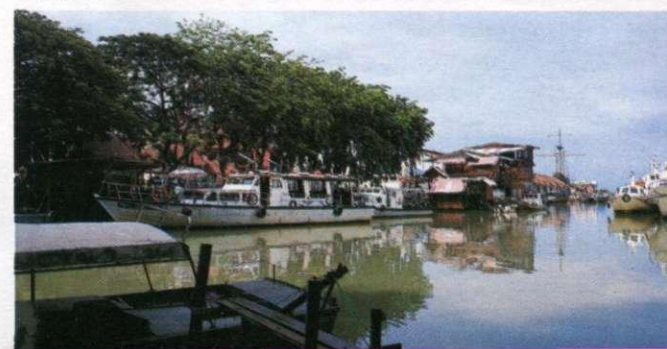


**Portuguese Settlement** • A colourful settlement dating to 1930, its inhabitants are Eurasians of Portuguese descent who display sheer joy and exuberance in music and



dances during festivities such as the Festa de San Pedro.

**Baba Nyonya Heritage Museum** • Inter-marriage between early Chinese settlers and local Malays resulted in the unique Baba Nyonya culture. Within the walls of this heritage building, visitors can learn more about the culture.





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**St. John's Fort** • Constructed by the Dutch, atop a hill, during the third quarter of the 18th century it was once a private Portuguese chapel dedicated to St. John.

**St. Paul's Church** • Built by a Portuguese sea captain, the church was turned into a burial ground by the Dutch for their noble dead.

**St Francis Xavier's Church** • Of Gothic architecture, the Church was built in 1849 by a French priest, Rev. Farve, as a memorial to St. Francis Xavier, a Catholic missionary.

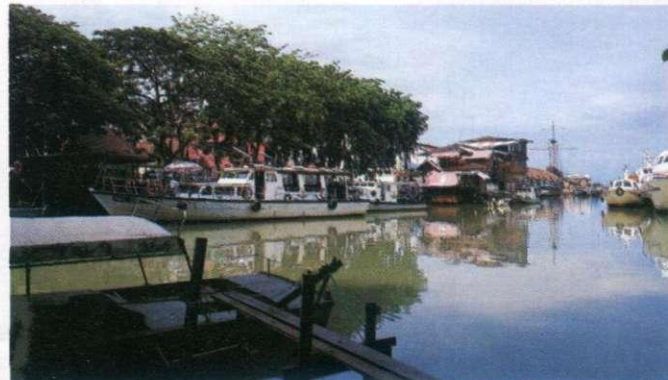


**Melaka Sultanate Palace** • Inspired by the description of a royal palace mentioned in the Malay Annals, the wooden building now houses the Melaka Cultural Museum.

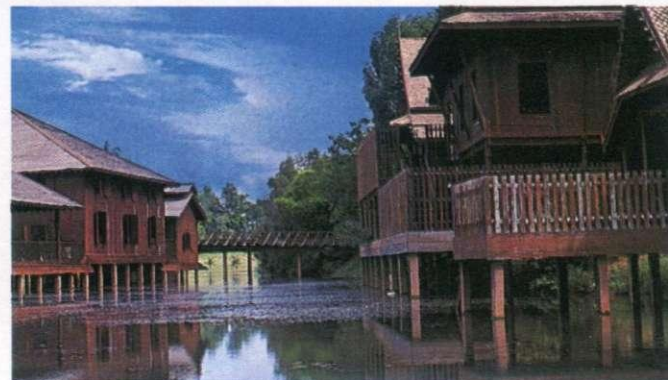
**Hang Li Po's Well** • Built in 1459 by the followers of Hang Li Po, the Chinese princess who married the Sultan of Melaka, it has been turned into a wishing well for tourists.

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**Melaka River Cruise** • Take a relaxing cruise on the Melaka River to see a different perspective of the historical city.



**Air Keroh** • 15 kilometres east of Melaka is Air Keroh, a tourist complex with hotels, golf courses, recreational forest, a zoo, a reptile park, butterfly farm, crocodile farm, aquarium, Mini Malaysia and Mini ASEAN.





# Kuala Lumpur Beyond

The attractions of Kuala Lumpur provide the visitor a foretaste of the many alluring spots that wait to be explored beyond the city. By driving or joining a sightseeing tour one can enjoy the diversity of the Malaysian experience.

A good place to begin is Templer's Park, a popular green lung with waterfalls and jungle trails, just half an hour's drive from the city. Nearer to the city is the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) which gives an insight into the country's tropical forests and related products.

At the periphery of the city is the Malaysia Agriculture Park at Shah Alam where the country's agricultural activities are displayed in natural surroundings.

An hour's drive away lies Kuala Selangor, a coastal riverine town, popular with birdwatchers for its large

population of marshland and migratory birds. Within the vicinity is Kampung Kuantan, where fireflies at dusk along the upper reaches of the river attract nature lovers.

To the northeast of Kuala Lumpur, perched on the mountain, is Genting Highlands Resort, offering fun and excitement for the whole family amid cool surroundings, while further northwards the tranquil setting of Fraser's Hill forms the ideal retreat for weary travellers.

Sun worshippers looking for their own place in the sun will be spoilt for choice at the 18km long coastline at Port Dickson.

Situated on the coast about 2 hours drive from Kuala Lumpur is Melaka, an intriguing destination which was the seat of a once great empire and subsequently ruled by several colonial powers.

